(ii) the names of Mahomedan officers who are in charge of departments ?

**MR. K. N. RAMASUBBA AIYAR** (*Financial Secretary to Government*): (i) and (ii) The member is referred to the *Civil List*, a copy of which is available in the Council Library.

**MR. D. C. JOSEPH** (*Agastisvaram*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether they are now aware that there is no Mahomedan in charge of any of the departments in the State ?

**PRESIDENT**: That is conveying information and not asking for information.

*Grant of Local Allowance.*

317. **MR. R. KESAVA PILLAI** (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether local allowance is granted to Headmasters of Vernacular High Schools and Vernacular Training Schools ; and

(*b*) the reasons for the difference in treatment, if any, of the two sets of Headmasters ?

**MR. K. N. RAMASUBBA AIYAR** (*Financial Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) Local allowance at Rs. 15 is paid to Headmasters of Vernacular High Schools who are on the general list of graduate teachers in English Schools but not to Headmasters of Vernacular Training Schools.

(*b*) The fixation of local allowance depends on the nature of the duties which is different in the two cases.

**MR. R. KESAVA PILLAI** (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): With reference to the answer to part (*a*) of the question, may I know whether there are graduate Headmasters in Vernacular Training Schools ?

**MR. K. N. RAMASUBBA AIYAR** (*Financial Secretary to Government*): Yes.

**MR. R. KESAVA PILLAI** (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): May I know why they are not placed in a position of equality with the Headmasters of Vernacular High Schools ?

**MR. K. N. RAMASUBBA AIYAR** (*Financial Secretary to Government*): Is the member asking about the question of local allowance?

**MR. R. KESAVA PILLAI** (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): Yes.

**MR. K. N. RAMASUBBA AIYAR** (*Financial Secretary to Government*): The grant of local allowance will depend upon many conditions. Government considered that local allowance should be attached to certain offices and should not be attached to certain others. It does not mean that two people of the same cadre should always get the same allowance.

**MR. R. KESAVA PILLAI** (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): With reference to the answer to part (*b*), may I know whether there is any difference in the nature of the duties exacted from these two ?

**MR. K. N. RAMASUBBA AIYAR** (*Financial Secretary to Government*): In the nature of the responsibilities—yes.

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**MR. R. KESAVA PILLAI** (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): May I know whether the onerous nature of the two kinds of Headmasters is not the same?

**MR. K. N. RAMASUBBA AIYAR** (*Financial Secretary to Government*): I have already answered the question.

**MR. R. KESAVA PILLAI** (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): May I know whether the Headmasters of Vernacular Training Schools have not got the same amount of responsibility as the Headmasters of Vernacular schools?

**MR. K. N. RAMASUBBA AIYAR** (*Financial Secretary to Government*): That is precisely what I have answered.

*Primary Schools in Trivandrum.*

318. **MR. A. THANU PILLAI** (*Trivandrum*): Will the Government be pleased to state the total number of departmental Primary Schools and the number, if any, of departmental Tamil Primary Schools in the town of Trivandrum?

**MR. K. GEORGE** (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Number of departmental Primary Schools—10.

Number of departmental Tamil Primary Schools.—Nil.

*Proposals to assign away Grazing Blocks in the Neduvangad Taluk.*

319. **MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI** (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have before them any proposals for assigning away grazing blocks in the Neduvangad taluk;

(*b*) if so, whether they will invite the opinion of the Director of Agriculture before they sanction the proposal; and

(*c*) whether they will give the Legislative Council an opportunity to express an opinion before action is taken on these proposals?

**MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR** (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The answer is in the negative.

(*b*) and (*c*) These do not arise in view of the answer to part (*a*).

*Waiting Rooms and Sheds in the Civil and Criminal Courts of the State.*

320. **MR. K. N. KESAVAN NAMPUTIRIPAD** (*Jenmies*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of civil and criminal courts in the State where no waiting rooms or sheds are furnished for the convenience of parties and witnesses who go to such courts on business; and

(*b*) whether their attention has been drawn to the great hardships and inconveniences the public are put to on account of the want of such sheds?

**MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI** (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) 29 Civil Courts.

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